

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 58-80 and add claims 81-124, as indicated below. A complete listing of claims pending in the application following entry of this Amendment are presented as follows:

1-80. (Cancelled)

81. An article of footwear comprising:

an upper for receiving a foot of a wearer, the upper having a medial side and an opposite lateral side;

a sole assembly secured to the upper; and

a bladder formed from a barrier material that encloses a substantially fluid interior volume, the bladder having an L-shaped structure formed from:

a sole portion at least partially embedded within the sole assembly and extending in a horizontal direction, the sole portion having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface of the sole portion facing in an upward direction, and the second surface of the sole portion facing in a downward direction, and

a foot portion in fluid communication with the sole portion and extending in a vertical direction along at least one of the medial side and the lateral side of the upper, the foot portion having a first surface extending from the first surface of the sole portion and facing the upper, and the foot portion having a second surface extending from the second surface of the sole portion and facing outward from the footwear,

wherein at least one elongate indentation extends through at least a portion of each of the first surface of the sole portion and the first surface of the foot portion, at least a portion of the indentation being unconnected to the second surface of the sole portion and the second surface of the foot portion.

82. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein a thickness of the sole portion is greater than a thickness of the foot portion.

83. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein the sole portion and the foot portion are substantially perpendicular to each other.

84. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein the foot portion extends upward from the sole portion.

85. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein the foot portion defines a trapezoidal shape.

86. The article of footwear recited in claim 85, wherein the foot portion extends through substantially all of an interior area of the trapezoidal shape.

87. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein a bond is formed between the indentation and the second surface of the foot portion.

88. The article of footwear recited in claim 87, wherein the bond has an elongate configuration extending in the vertical direction.

89. The article of footwear recited in claim 87, wherein the bond has an elliptical shape.

90. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein the sole portion is formed from two discrete chambers that are in fluid communication with the foot portion.

91. The article of footwear recited in claim 90, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a first indentation and a second indentation, the first indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of one of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion, and the second indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of another of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion.

92. The article of footwear recited in claim 91, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a third indentation positioned between the first indentation and the second indentation and extending through the first surface of the foot portion.

93. The article of footwear recited in claim 81, wherein the second surface of the foot portion is substantially flush with a sidewall of the sole assembly.

94. An article of footwear comprising:

an upper for receiving a foot of a wearer, the upper having a medial side and an opposite lateral side;

a sole assembly secured to the upper; and

a bladder formed from a barrier material that encloses a substantially fluid interior volume, the bladder having an L-shaped structure formed from:

a sole portion at least partially embedded within the sole assembly and extending in a horizontal direction, the sole portion having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface of the sole portion facing in an upward direction, and the second surface of the sole portion facing in a downward direction, and

a foot portion in fluid communication with the sole portion and extending in a vertical direction along at least one of the medial side and the lateral side of the upper, the foot portion having a first surface extending from the first surface of the sole portion and facing the upper, and the foot portion having a second surface extending from the second surface of the sole portion and facing outward from the footwear,

wherein a thickness of the sole portion is greater than a thickness of the foot portion.

95. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein the sole portion and the foot portion are substantially perpendicular to each other.

96. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein the foot portion extends upward from the sole portion.

97. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein the foot portion defines a trapezoidal shape.

98. The article of footwear recited in claim 97, wherein the foot portion extends through substantially all of an interior area of the trapezoidal shape.

99. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein at least one elongate indentation extends through at least a portion of each of the first surface of the sole portion and the first surface of the foot portion, at least a portion of the indentation being unconnected to the second surface of the sole portion and the second surface of the foot portion.

100. The article of footwear recited in claim 99, wherein a bond is formed between the indentation and the second surface of the foot portion.

101. The article of footwear recited in claim 100, wherein the bond has an elongate configuration extending in the vertical direction.

102. The article of footwear recited in claim 100, wherein the bond has an elliptical shape.

103. The article of footwear recited in claim 99, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a first indentation and a second indentation, the first indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of one of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion, and the second indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of another of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion.

104. The article of footwear recited in claim 103, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a third indentation positioned between the first indentation and the second indentation and extending through the first surface of the foot portion.

105. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein the sole portion is formed from two discrete chambers that are in fluid communication with the foot portion.

106. The article of footwear recited in claim 94, wherein the second surface of the foot portion is substantially flush with a sidewall of the sole assembly.

107. An article of footwear comprising:  
an upper for receiving a foot of a wearer, the upper having a medial side and an opposite lateral side;  
a sole assembly secured to the upper; and  
a bladder formed from a barrier material that encloses a substantially fluid interior volume, the bladder having an L-shaped structure formed from:  
a sole portion at least partially embedded within the sole assembly and extending in a horizontal direction, the sole portion having a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface of the sole portion facing in an upward direction, and the second surface of the sole portion facing in a downward direction, and  
a foot portion in fluid communication with the sole portion and extending in a vertical direction along at least one of the medial side and the lateral side of the upper, the foot portion having a first surface extending from the first surface of the sole portion and facing the upper, and the foot portion having a second surface extending from the second surface of the sole portion and facing outward from the footwear, and the second surface of the foot portion being substantially flush with a sidewall of the sole assembly.
108. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein a midsole portion of the sole assembly forms the sidewall.
109. The article of footwear recited in claim 108, wherein the midsole portion is formed from a polymer foam material.
110. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein a thickness of the sole portion is greater than a thickness of the foot portion.
111. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein the sole portion and the foot portion are substantially perpendicular to each other.

112. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein the foot portion extends upward from the sole portion.

113. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein the foot portion defines a trapezoidal shape.

114. The article of footwear recited in claim 113, wherein the foot portion extends through substantially all of an interior area of the trapezoidal shape.

115. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein at least one elongate indentation extends through at least a portion of each of the first surface of the sole portion and the first surface of the foot portion, at least a portion of the indentation being unconnected to the second surface of the sole portion and the second surface of the foot portion.

116. The article of footwear recited in claim 115, wherein a bond is formed between the indentation and the second surface of the foot portion.

117. The article of footwear recited in claim 116, wherein the bond has an elongate configuration extending in the vertical direction.

118. The article of footwear recited in claim 116, wherein the bond has an elliptical shape.

119. The article of footwear recited in claim 115, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a first indentation and a second indentation, the first indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of one of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion, and the second indentation extending through at least a portion of the first surface of another of the discrete chambers and the first surface of the foot portion.

120. The article of footwear recited in claim 119, wherein the at least one elongate indentation includes a third indentation positioned between the first indentation and the second indentation and extending through the first surface of the foot portion.

121. The article of footwear recited in claim 107, wherein the sole portion is formed from two discrete chambers that are in fluid communication with the foot portion.

122. An article of footwear comprising:

an upper for receiving a foot of a wearer, the upper having a medial side and an opposite lateral side;

a sole assembly secured to the upper; and

a bladder formed from a barrier material that encloses a substantially fluid interior volume, the bladder having an L-shaped structure formed from:

a sole portion at least partially embedded within the sole assembly and extending in a horizontal direction, and

a foot portion in fluid communication with the sole portion and extending in a vertical direction along at least one of the medial side and the lateral side of the upper,

wherein an elongate indentation is formed in each of the sole portion and the foot portion, at least a portion of the indentation being unconnected to an opposite side of the bladder.

123. The article of footwear recited in claim 122, wherein a bond is formed between the indentation and the opposite side of the bladder.

124. The article of footwear recited in claim 123, wherein the bond has an elongate configuration extending in the vertical direction.

125. The article of footwear recited in claim 123, wherein the bond has an elliptical shape.

126. The article of footwear recited in claim 122, wherein a surface of the foot portion is substantially flush with a sidewall of the sole assembly.

127. The article of footwear recited in claim 122, wherein a thickness of the sole portion is greater than a thickness of the foot portion.